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1 — Radioactive chemical spill occurred last fall at University of Tulsa, officials announce, Tulsa World, 9/1/2015 http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/health/radioactive-chemical-spill-occurred-last-fall-at-university-of-tulsa/article_ff7e5a0a-1749-5dfd-982c-6920d09d0483.html

Authorities are working to clean up a year-old radioactive chemical spill on the University of Tulsa's north research campus that was just brought to university officials' attention last week.

2 — Railroad Commission: XTO not to blame for Azle earthquakes, Dallas Morning News, 8/31/2015

<http://www.dallasnews.com/business/energy/20150831-railroad-commission-xto-not-to-blame-for-azle-earthquakes.ece>

A state inquiry into a series of earthquakes around Azle has ruled out at least one connection to the oil and gas industry.

3 — Houston Seeks to Keep Power to Police Air Pollution, Texas Tribune, 9/1/2015

<https://www.texastribune.org/2015/09/01/state-supreme-court-will-address-pollution-enforce/>

State environmental regulators don't adequately enforce air pollution laws, the city of Houston believes, and on Wednesday it will ask the state's highest civil court to let it keep trying to do the job itself.

4 — Texas Tech Researchers Help Assess damage of toxic river spill, KAMC Lubbock, 8/31/15

<http://www.everythinglubbock.com/news/kamc-news/texas-tech-researchers-help-assess-damage-of-toxic-river-spill>

A team of Texas Tech researchers are headed to northwest New Mexico to help assess the damage from the toxic spill into the Animas River.

5 — EPA granted access to land in county used for dumping chat, Miami News-Record, 8/31/2015 http://www.miamiok.com/news/article_9ae254d5-70c7-5e00-a79d-4e598bcbdfd8.html

Ottawa County Commissioners approved a measure that allows the Environmental Protection Agency access to a parcel of land in the Meh Hunka Zhe Ka Beaver Allotment in the county during their weekly meeting Monday morning.

6 — Brain-eating amoeba kills 14-year-old Houston star athlete, CNN reports, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 8/31/2015

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2015/08/brain-eating_amoeba_kills_14-y.html#incart_river

A brain eating-amoeba, which killed a boy in St. Bernard Parish in 2013, claimed the life Sunday (Aug. 30) of a 14-year-old Houston star athlete, CNN reports.

7 – Navajo Nation preps lawsuit against EPA over mine spill, The Hill, 8/27/2015

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/252361-navajo-nation-preps-lawsuit-against-epa-over-mine-spill>

The Navajo Nation contends that the EPA's Aug. 5 accident in Colorado, which made national headlines after turning portions of the Animas River bright yellow, also leaked hazardous substances into the San Juan River — one of the Navajo Nation's primary water sources.

8 — EPA prevented toxic brew from moly mine, Aspen Times, 8/31/2015

<http://www.aspentimes.com/news/17950129-113/epa-prevented-toxic-brew-from-moly-mine>

The Rio Grande flows past Taos. Could it have become as polluted from mining as the Animas River was through Durango?

9 — Arguments OK'd in scope of injunction against federal water rule, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 8/31/2015

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/aug/31/arguments-okd-expansion-injunction-against-federal/?latest>

A federal judge in North Dakota is allowing arguments over the scope of his injunction blocking a new rule that would give the federal government jurisdiction over some smaller waterways.

10 — Courts rule differently on federal water rule, making status unsettled, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 8/31/2015

http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2015/08/courts_rule_differently_on_fed.html

Three separate federal court rulings have left unsettled the status of the Obama administration's controversial plan to expand federal Clean Water Act authority over streams and wetlands.

11 — Brushes with disaster (editorial), Cortez (CO) Journal, 8/31/2015

<http://www.cortezjournal.com/article/20150831/OPINION01/150839971/Brushes-with-disaster->

Comparing the initial events associated with the unexpected water release from the Gold King Mine above Silverton with the landfall of Hurricane Katrina at New Orleans 10 years ago provides some initial, but limited, comparisons.

12 — EPA's Clean Power Plan and Europe's folly (opinion), The Hill, 8/28/2015

<http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/energy-environment/252292-epas-clean-power-plan-and-europes-folly>

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) final Clean Power Plan (CPP) to reduce carbon dioxide pulls a colossally damaging and futile national energy plan out of a bureaucrat's hat. Who needs congressional authorization by law to dismember the engineering marvel that is our national electric power system?

13 — SunZia transmission line holds to original route, Albuquerque Journal, 8/29/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/637073/news-around-the-region/sunzia-transmission-line-moves-forward-holds-to-original-route.html>

The SunZia power transmission line, planned to carry renewable energy across New Mexico,

Arizona and California, appears to be back on its original track following a request by the State Land Office to review a route north of the White Sands Missile Range call-up area.

14 — Squealing 'pigs' work to keep pipelines safe, The Oklahoman, 8/28/2015

<http://newsok.com/squealing-pigs-work-to-keep-pipelines-safe/article/5442863>

To keep the country's pipeline infrastructure safe and free of leaks and accidents, operators turn to a variety of foam or metal contraptions affectionately known as pigs.

15 — Womack praises N.D. court's injunction against EPA water rule, Ripon Advance, 9/1/2015

<http://riponadvance.com/stories/510636097-womack-praises-n-d-court-s-injunction-against-epa-water-rule>

Responding to the recent decision by North Dakota's U.S. District Court to grant a preliminary injunction against the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) controversial Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule, U.S. Rep. Steve Womack (R-AR) released a statement in support of the action on Monday.

16 — EPA climate rule could take two more months to become official, The Hill, 8/31/2015

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/252374-epa-climate-rule-could-take-2-months-for-formal-publication>

It could take up to two months for the Obama administration to make its climate rule for power plants official by publishing it in the Federal Register.

